

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-07-09**

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Business Meeting: July 9, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2001.10.144 – Northwestern Energy – Discussion of a Northwestern/Stakeholder/Staff/Commissioner Meeting of July 11. (07/09/02)
2. D2002.6.77 – EWM – EWM Annual Tracker – Discussion, Direction, Action, on Interim Order. (07/09/02)
3. D2001.12.173 – Fairmont Hot Springs Resort “FHSR” – Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Application for Initial Rates for Sewer Utility. (07/09/02)
4. N2002.5.51 – Qwest – Switched Access Meet Point Billing – Tariff Changes – Request Approval of Tariff Changes. (07/09/02)
5. D2002.3.29 – Integretel – Unauthorized Charges on Telephone Bills – Discuss Motion for Reconsideration. (07/09/02)
6. D2002.2.14 & D2002.2.22 – Qwest – Qwest Local Carrier Freeze – Discuss and Act on Qwest's Motion for Reconsideration of the PSC's

Notice of Commission Action in these Dockets and Requests for Oral Argument on the Motion. (07/09/02)

7. D2002.5.55, D2002.5.56, and D2002.5.57 – Blackfoot, Clark Fork, and Ronan Telephone – Disaggregation Filings – Discussion, Direction, Action on Applications. (07/09/02)
8. D99.5.129 – Project Telephone – EAS Billings Region, Reserved Issue - Discussion, Direction, Action on Reserved Issue Proceeding. (07/09/02)
9. D2000.6.80 – Qwest – 271 (2000.5.70) Related SGAT Filing – Qwest Intends to File its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) this Week. The SGAT Filing will Likely Require Commission Action and is Expected to Include Qwest's Proposed "Benchmark Prices". (07/09/02)

Other Meetings

1. Placeholder meeting with Anne Gravit of Renewable Northwest Project for Tuesday July 9, at 3:00.
2. Meeting with NorthWestern Energy to discuss continuing the Phase 2 approach and issues on the default supply. July 11, at 1:30 Bollinger Room

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Central Montana Communication N2002.6.78 (Scott)

On June 21, 2002, Central Montana Communication filed modification to its tariffs. As a result of a recent FCC order the Federal Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) will increase effective July 1, 2002 from \$5.00 to \$6.00. For qualified low-income customers, the FCC directed that support for the federal Lifeline service program will match any increases in SLCs. The Tier 1 discount for low-income subscribers has increased accordingly.

2. Qwest Communications. N2002.6. XX (Scott).

On June 26, 2002 Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 02-19. The purpose of this filing is to increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit from \$8.50 to \$9.50 to offset the increase in the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) required by the FCC. This will insure that Qwest's Montana Lifeline customers will not see any increase in their monthly bill.

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-July 16

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2002.6.79 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 02-19

D2002.7.80 – NorthWestern Energy – 2002 Annual Avoided Cost Compliance Filing

D2002.7.81 – NorthWestern Energy – Green Power Product Offering Program

N2002.7.82 – CenturyTel – Tariff Advice – Tariff Rates and Conditions

D2002.7.83 – Qwest – Qwest and GANOCO Inc., DBA American Dial Tone Interconnection Agreement and 1st Amendment

D2002.7.84 – Qwest – Qwest and ICG Telecom Inc., Agreement and Amendment